

Entries for the DV-2015

There is only one way to enter the DV-2015 lottery. You must submit the DS-5501, the Electronic Diversity Visa Entry Form (E-DV Entry Form), which is accessible only online at the E-DV website <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov/>.

The online registration period for the 2015 Diversity Visa Program (DV-2015) will begin on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, at noon, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (GMT-4), and conclude on Saturday, November 2, 2013, at noon, Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (GMT-4).

Please be aware that Internet sites ending in the “.gov” top-level domain suffix are official government websites. Many other non-governmental websites (e.g., addresses ending with “.com,” “.org” or “.net”) provide legitimate and useful immigration and visa-related information and services. Regardless of the content of other websites, the Department of State does not endorse, recommend, or sponsor any information or material shown on these other websites.

Notification of Winners

All entrants, including those NOT selected, may check the status of their entry through the Entrant Status Check available online starting May 1, 2014, at the E-DV website <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov/>. Click on Entrant Status Check, and enter your unique confirmation number and personal information. Entrant Status Check will be the sole means of informing you of your selection for DV-2015, providing instructions to you on how to proceed with your application, and notifying you of your appointment for your immigrant visa interview. Therefore, it is essential you retain your confirmation number. Department of State will create a mechanism for you to retrieve your confirmation number, but it is very important you do not give it to third party.

Our Goal

Our goal is to encourage all Albanian citizens applying for the DV Lottery to review the Diversity Visa Lottery Instructions before completing the application.

Errors in the application process, such as not including your spouse or all of your eligible children or entering multiple times will result in disqualification of your entry.

Additionally, the educational and professional requirements for qualifying for a Diversity Visa are very strict; please review the requirements carefully before deciding to enter.



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Diversity Visas Frequently Asked Questions

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Does everyone selected by the computer automatically qualify?

No. In order to qualify for the DV, applicants all over the world must meet very strict educational or professional eligibility requirements. DV applicants must have completed a 12 year full time course of study in the United States or a formal course of elementary and secondary education comparable to completion of 12 years of elementary and secondary education in the United States. Not all types of education qualify for the program, so applicants should be well informed of education requirements when deciding whether or not they should enter the DV. For more information about qualifying education, please see the answer for “which education qualifies for the DV?”.

While it is possible to qualify based on work experience, the professions that can be used for this experience almost always require a level of education above the high school education required by the DV.

Even if someone is selected by the computer, if they don't meet the minimum qualifications, they can't receive a visa through the DV.

Q. Which education does qualify for the DV?

Based on the education requirement, Albanians who have not completed a full time high school education that is at least equivalent to a U.S. high school education (4 years, full-time, general studies) won't qualify. Part time high school diplomas - without a break from work, evening school, or correspondence - including five year programs or long-term programs (part time, without a break from work, evening school, or correspondence) don't qualify for the DV.

In addition, vocational high school degrees rarely qualify for the DV program. Even if you completed part of high school on the part time system, and part of high school on the full time system, this diploma will not qualify for the DV.

Q. Who must I include on my E-DV entry?

On your entry, you must list your spouse (husband or wife) and all unmarried children under 21 years of age. You must list your spouse even if you are currently separated from him/her, unless you are legally separated (i.e., there is a court order). If you are legally separated or divorced at the time of entry, you do not need to list your former spouse. Failure to list your eligible spouse will result in disqualification of the principal applicant and refusal of all visas in the case at the time of the visa interview.

You must list ALL your children who are unmarried and under 21 years of age at the time of your initial E-DV entry even if they no longer reside with you or do not intend to immigrate with you. All should be entered whether they are your natural children, your spouse's children, or children you have formally adopted. Failure to include all children will result in disqualification of the principal applicant and refusal of all visas in the case at the time of the visa interview.

Not all family members included in your entry must travel with you. Spouses or children/stepchildren acquired after the electronic entry will be allowed to apply, but please be advised that additional documentation, information, and processing time will be required.

Q. Can/Should my same sex spouse be included on my E-DV entry?

Diversity Visa applicants can and should include same-sex spouses in their initial entries or add spouses acquired after their initial registration at the time of application. Please visit <http://travel.state.gov> for more information on immigration benefits for same-sex spouses.

Q. Should I pay any fees for the electronic entry of DV?

No. There is no cost to enter the DV lottery. The U.S. Government employs no outside consultants or private services to operate the DV program. Any intermediaries or others who offer assistance to prepare DV entries do so without the authority or consent of the U.S. Government. Use of any outside intermediary or assistance to prepare a DV entry is entirely at the entrant's discretion.

Q. I'm selected for the DV program. Where do I pay the fees of DV?

You will pay the DV processing fees on the day of your formal interview in the Consular Section only. If your interview takes place at the U.S. Embassy in Tirana, you will pay the fee at the time of your interview. Please do not become a victim of fraudulent emails that ask you to send money to a named individual by mail or by services such as Western Union.

Q. How do I report internet fraud or unsolicited email?

If you wish to file a complaint about internet fraud, please see [visit econsumer.gov](http://econsumer.gov), which is a joint effort of consumer protection agencies from 17 nations, hosted by the Federal Trade Commission. You can also visit the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) website. To file a complaint about unsolicited email, contact the Department of Justice.

For complete information on the rules and regulations of the DV Program, please visit:
[http://travel.state.gov/](http://travel.state.gov)

